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# RESUMÉ OF FIELD TRIPS MADE BY THE SOCIETY Thomas Dudley Morris

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It was my pleasure and privilege to become a member of the Jackson Purchase Historical Society in 1960, and it has been my good fortune in making all of the field trips from that time forward. The first few years all field trips were made in private cars, but in 1963, a chartered bus took the group and has been the pattern since. They seem to get more interesting each year, but all credit is due to our loyal and efficient tour directors, Dr. and Mrs. Hunter Hancock, Murray, Kentucky. The chartered trips have included transportation, admissions, a delicious box lunch, and dinner at a prominent restaurant known for its good food.

1959: Fort Heiman. Mr. Charles Moss, Editor of the Nashville *Banner*, spoke on the role of the fort in the War Between the States.

1960: Three trips were made. The first was to Old Boyd Tavern at Canton (we were joined by

Mr. Arthur Burnett), Twin Rivers, Old Center Iron Furnace, and Camp Currie. Dinner was served at Camp Currie, and hall Allen was our speaker. The second trip was to Kuttawa and Eddyville, places that were soon to be flooded and be known as Kentucky Lake. Visited the home of Virginia Smith. Walter Gresh spoke later at Kentucky Dam Village. The third trip was to Columbus Belmont State Park.

1961: The first trip of 1961 was in conjunction with the Illinois and Cairo Historical Societies in celebration of the Civil War Centennial and featured an all-day excursion by the riverboat "Avalon" from Cairo to Columbus-Belmont Park and return. The second trip, as guests of Union County Historical Society of Illinois, included a tour of Mound City national Cemetery, Old Kornthal Lutheran Church, Cobden Museum, Bald Knob, Alto Pass, and dinner at Giant City State Park.

1962: Fort Heiman and Dover, Tennessee. Dedication of Fort Heiman historical marker. John Breckinridge joined us for our dinner in Dover and spoke to our group.

1963: Russellville: lunch at Old Red River Church, Adairville the site of the duel between Andrew Jackson and Charles Dickerson in Logan County, KY., just over the Tennessee line, where Dickerson met his death. Visited a beautiful new home made from bricks salvaged from the Maxwell House in Nashville which had burned several years previously, and the hermitage near Nashville, Tennessee. Cost per person \$6.25; meals separate.

1964: Reelfoot Lake and Island No. 10 (Tennessee), Portageville and New Madrid, Missouri. Complete cost, \$8.50.

1965: Old Rose Hotel in Illinois, Cave-in-Rock, an old slave house, and old Shawneetown. The evening meal was served by a community club in the town's park. Complete cost, \$7.00.

1966: John James Audubon State Park, Henderson, KY., and New Harmony, Indiana. Dinner was served at the Red Geranium with Don Blair, New Harmony historian, as speaker. Complete cost \$9.96.

- 1967: Frankfort, Kentucky: Old State House, capitol, old cemetery and other historic sites. Dinner at historic Talbott Inn in Bardstown. Complete cost, \$13.75.
- 1968: Shiloh National Park. Visited historic Cherry mansion in Savannah, Tennessee, and had dinner also in Savannah. Complete cost, \$8.50.
- 1969: Meriweather Lewis Park, Natchez Trace, 1842 St. John's Church, James Knox Polk's ancestral home in Columbus, Tennessee, and the Franklin Battlefield. Had dinner at a former stage coach inn at Tiny town, near Guthrie, Ky. Complete cost, \$13.00.
- 1970: Vandalia, Springfield, New Salem, and the Clayville Stagecoach Stop for dinner at Pleasant Plains (all in Illinois). Complete cost, \$14.90.
- 1971: Vincennes, Indiana: George Rogers Clark memorial, old cathedral, Brute Library, William H. Harrison's home, and dinner at another historical building located near the old State Bank. Complete cost, \$15.00.

- 1972: Lexington and Richmond, Kentucky; white hall, home of Cassius Clay, and Ashland, home of Henry Clay. Dinner at Talbott Inn, Bardstown. Complete cost, \$19.50.
- 1973: Louisville, Kentucky: famous homes included "Locust Grove" and "Farmington"; the Waterworks with its lovely tower; mausoleum where Zachary Taylor's body is interred. Dinner at Old House Restaurant. Complete cost, \$21.00.
- 1974: Old Fort Harrod (George Rogers Clark Memorial Monument, Lincoln Marriage Temple, Pioneer Cemetery and mansion), McDowell House of Danville, Constitution Square, Isaac Shelby State Shrine, Gov. Magoffin home. Dinner at the Old Crow Inn. Complete cost, \$22.75.
- 1975: Fort Boonesborough, John Hunt Morgan Home, Transylvania, and Shakertown at Pleasant Hill for dinner. Complete cost, \$26.00.
- 1976: Stone River National Battleground, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Sam Davis Home

and Shrine at Smyrna, Ft. Nashboro, "Old City Cemetery," and dinner in Clarksville at Hachland Hill. Cost, \$19.00.

1977: Russellville, Ky. Visited the bank building robbed by Jesse James (and saw the bullet hole in the wall), Shaker Museum at South Union, Western Kentucky Museum and Hobson House at Bowling Green, Ky., and dinner at Baker Hill. Cost, \$20.15.

1978: New Harmony, Indiana: Murphy Park, Labyrinth, and dinner at Shadblow Restaurant. Cost, \$20.50.

1979: Old Johnsonville, McFarland Park, Indian Mound Museum, Pope Tavern, Wilson Dam, Helen Keller's home at Tuscumbia, and Colbert Ferry overlook. Cost, \$27.60.

1980: Natchez Trace Parkway headquarters, Indian Village, Tupelo Battleground part at Tupelo, Miss., Lake Monroe, where we were joined by members of Monroe County Historical Society and Aberdeen citizens for fellowship and lunch. At the Council Tree Marker, wreaths were placed during a

special ceremony. Several historical homes in Aberdeen were open including Gregg-Hamilton and Sunset Hill. Dinner was served at the Old Country Store, Jackson, Tennessee. Cost, \$33.00

1981: Hannibal, Missouri: Mark Twain Country. Visited Twain's boyhood home and Museum, Becky Thatcher home, Clements' law office, etc. Visited Rockcliff mansion and Garth mansion. Lunch in Riverview Park; dinner at Nick's Homestead Restaurant. Cost, \$44.00

Bio: Thomas Dudley Morris was a long-time member of the Society who has participated in all the field trips of the Society.